

NEWS RELEASE



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Closures for I-5 HOV Improvement Project (SR-118 to SR-170)

San Fernando Valley — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to close the lanes, connector and ramps listed below as part of a \$140 million improvement project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. Closures are subject to change. Detours will be signed.

Golden State Freeway (I-5)

Monday, October 17, to Friday, October 21

- Up to two lanes of northbound I-5 between SR-170 and SR-118
TIME: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Up to three lanes of southbound I-5 between SR-118 and SR-170
TIME: 9 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. and 4 a.m. to 6 a.m.
- Up to three lanes of southbound I-5 between SR-118 and SR-170
TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Southbound I-5 connector to southbound SR-170
TIME: 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Southbound I-5 eastbound Van Nuys Boulevard on-ramp
TIME: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Southbound I-5 eastbound Osborne Street on-ramp
TIME: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The following northbound I-5 on- and off-ramps will be closed through January 2012: Sheldon St., Osborne St., Van Nuys Blvd. (off-ramp only).

About the Project

Caltrans is constructing an HOV lane in each direction on I-5 between the Hollywood Freeway (SR-170) and SR-118, a distance of 6.8 miles (3.4 miles in each direction). The project is also widening four undercrossings, replacing sections of pavement, and building a direct HOV connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. A direct HOV connector allows for freeway-to-freeway transfers without exiting the carpool lane.

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This project will alleviate congestion, encourage carpooling, improve air quality, and provide a smoother ride for motorists. The work is part of Caltrans' effort to provide motorists with a seamless carpool lane network in California.

Work began in August 2010 and is on track for completion in late 2013. Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and understanding during construction.

For more information, visit www.I-5info.com.

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